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22 April 2002

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau.

3. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

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4. Statement by the Interim Head, Department of Public Information

The Interim Head, Department of Public Information, will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department and report on implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 56/64 A, 56/64 B and 56/253.

22 April-24 April 2002

5. General debate*

6. Consideration of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General

Documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the reorientation of United Nations activities in the field of public information and communications

Report of the Secretary-General on public information activities for United Nations Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations (2001)

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the role of the Department of Public Information in United Nations peacekeeping and other field operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the continued multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of the United Nations web site

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Joint United Nations Information Committee in 2001

25 April-1 May 2002

7. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

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* The following wording is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182:

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communications order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information;

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communications order;

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.

2 May 2002**

8. Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 48/432, 3 May has been declared World Press Freedom Day. It is the intention of the Committee to commemorate the occasion on 2 May 2002.

9. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session

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** With due regard being given to section I, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 56/242, the session will conclude on Thursday, 2 May.